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Dated 9-4-48.

[Despatch Abstract.]

Nurses.

Sub:- Nursing staff - Training of Probationer nurses in the United Kingdom - Payment of allowances - Papers Recorded.

No. D. 5304-T/47.
Government of India.
Ministry of Health.

New Delhi, the 1st Ap... 1948.

From

Harbans Singh, Esquire,
Assistant Secretary to the Government of India

To

The High Commissioner for India.
London.

Sir,

Sub:- Training of Probationer nurses in the United Kingdom-payment of allowances.

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With reference to the correspondence ending with your telegram No. 4580, dated the 17th December 1947, addressed to the Director General of Health Services, New Delhi, on the subject noted above, I am directed to say that the Government of India have been pleased to accept your suggestion regarding the continuance of allowances at the rates mentioned in sub-para. (viii) of para. 2 of this Ministry's letter No. F. 45-27/45-H (I), dated the 15th May, 1945, (copy enclosed), irrespective of what the candidates receive from the hospitals where they are undergoing training. To avoid any misunderstanding the Government of India have further decided to change the wording of sub-para under reference from "Allowance to raise the Nurses' total emoluments, including allowances granted by hospitals, to £100/- per annum" to "yearly compensatory allowance".

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

(Sd). HARBANS SINGH.

Assistant Secretary.

No. D. 5304-T/47.

Copy, together with a copy of extract from the High Commissioner's letter No. E.S. 585/3, dated the 14th November, 1947, and its enclosures forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Education and Public Health Department, Madras.

By Order,

(Sd). (HARBANS SINGH)

Assistant Secretary.

/True copy/

Copy of letter No. E.S.585/3, dated the 14th November 1947 from the High Commissioner for India, Education Department, London to the Director General of Health Services, New Delhi, India.

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I am directed to refer to correspondence resting with your letter No. 27-2/47-N, dated the 11th July, 1947 about the Government of India probationer nursing trainees, and to say that the candidates were placed as shown on the attached sheet. It must be added, however, that Miss Sarla Bakaya has since been transferred from the General Infirmary at Leeds to Charing Cross Hospital, and a full report on her case will be sent separately. The following probationer nurses opted for Pakistan and their papers have, accordingly, been transferred to the Office of the High Commissioner for that Dominion:-

Miss Nasim Farhat Ahmad,
Miss Muasuda Bhatti,
Miss Khurshid Butt,
Miss Munawar Fatah.

It should be mentioned that all this batch of probationers were apparently under the impression that they were to be posted to London hospitals and considerable difficulty was experienced in allocating them to the various provincial hospitals at which vacancies had been secured. It is requested that in future it may be made plain to the candidates whether it is proposed to send them to hospitals in London or the provinces.

I am also to invite a reference to your letter No. F. 8/45/46-P & R, dated the 26th March 1947, notifying certain increases in the allowances paid to nurses, both post-graduate and probationer, in this country. Probationer nurses were duly informed of the increases which concerned them, and have again on several occasions raised the question of an increase in the yearly allowance paid to them. The matter has, accordingly been discussed with the Matrons of the various hospitals who had had experience of our nurses, and copies of the letter received from them are enclosed herewith. It will be seen that the general concensus of opinion is that the allowances are too low and increases are suggested in one item or another.

4. It should here be pointed out that, since the scheme was inaugurated, the rate paid to English student nurses in the United Kingdom has been raised and they now receive £55 during the first year £65. during the second and £75 during the third and fourth years. It was the intention of the Government of India that the nurses sent to the United Kingdom for training should receive sufficient to bring the total amount received by them in respect of allowances up to £100 per year, and the amounts therefore fixed for them, with reference to the old rate payable to English student nurses in this country, were £ 60, £55 and £40. Pending the decision of any further increase in their allowance it

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is considered that they should still be paid at these yearly rates, irrespective of the amount they receive from the hospital. In this connection it may be pointed out that the hospital rates were raised to meet the increased cost of living in this country, and it would therefore appear logical that the allowances payable to the nurses from India should also be increased proportionately.

It is, accordingly strongly recommended that the probationer nurses now undergoing training in this country should still receive the yearly rates originally sanctioned, and it is requested that the decision of the Government of India may kindly be notified as soon as possible and preferably by cable.

/True copy/

Charing Cross Hospital.
London W.C. "2.
15th May 1947.

Miss C.H. Bose,
Education Department,
India House,
Aldwych, W.C. 2.

Dear Miss Bose,

Thank you for your letter of May 12th and I have gone through very carefull the allowances which you are making to the Government of India students, and I do feel that with the very high cost of living in England at the moment these are very bare allowances, and I think if these students could be given more adequate allowances they would be able to derive much benefit from their training in England.

Student Nurses are now paid £ 55 the first year, £65 the second £75 the third and fourth years £95 after state Registration, and £120 upon completion of their training if they are asked to remain on as Staff Nurses. I do feel that £100 per year is a very small allowance for a student to live on while doing on intensive training in another country. It allows here very little for travelling about and improving her general knowledge of the country in which she is studying. A holiday allowance of £20 to cover a 28 days holiday is only £5 per week. I doubt if any student could obtain accommodation in even a small hotel for less than about 45 guineas per week and this allows her a very small amount to spend while she is on holiday. Many of the Nurses text - books are £1.1.0. and 30/-, and therefore this allows her to buy a very minimum of books for her study. We do try to encourage our Nurses to buy reference books and read as widely purchase of books will not allow them to do so.

Possibly these allowances were adequate when the scheme for training nurses in England was first discussed about 2 years ago, but prices have risen so considerably the last year that I do feel that these allowances need supplementing.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd).Dorothy M. Dickinson.

Matron.

/True copy/

General Hospital
Nottingham;
Matron's Office.
21st May 1947.

Dear Miss Bose,

Thank you very much for your letter, and the list of payments made to the students trained under the Government of India Training Scheme.

On the whole I think the Scheme a good one because, in addition to the actual cash received by them they are housed and fed etc., on the other hand it is a very different matter for these girls so many miles from their homes than our English trainees, and I think probably it is the London Student who find the sum inadequate. Prices of amusements etc., are very expensive, and then London is itself so large that bus and tube fares must mount up considerably, all of which is not quite the same for the girl in the provinces.

Another difficulty may be the students find that the majority coming from high caste families in India find it difficult to live at the same level in England where the value of money has changed soe considerably during the past few years.

From the educational aspect of being a strange country and wanting to see as much as possible of that country, then I do not feel their allowance is sufficient for them to be able to do much sight seeing very few holidays of a month, suration can be managed for £20, although this is certainly an improvement on the £ 12 originally fixed.

I understand that in the Army there was a special allowance made to members of the forces serving in the London area.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd) M.C. Plucknett.

Matron.

Miss C. H. Bose,
Education Department, India House,
Aldwych, London, W.C. 2.

/True copy/

SISTER MATRON'S OFFICE,
KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL,
DENMARK HILL, S.E. 5.

Miss C.H. Bose,
Education Department,
India House,
W. C. 2

May 23rd 1947.

Dear Miss Bose,

I am sorry not to have answered your letter of May 12th, before but I know you will understand that the pressure of work is rather heavy just now.

With regard to the yearly allowance and other payments made to probationer Nurses Under the Government of India's training scheme, I agree that at the moment, these are too low. If as you say the Government of India is anxious that these girls should derive as much benefit as possible from their stay in this country than I think they should have a total allowance of not less than £ 200 per annum.

I note that they have an allowance of £ 24 per month from the date of arrival in this country until joining hospital which is I think adequate for students in the provinces but minimal for those in London where the cost of living is so high.

Further, I think a holiday allowance of £ 30 would be much more reasonable than £ 20 again owing to the high cost of living.

The allowance for text books, examination fees & travelling expenses appears to me to be reasonable.

I trust this is the information you require.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sd). EVELYN A. OPIE.

SISTER MATRON.

/True copy/

MATRON'S OFFICE,
TE. WATERLOO 6633.

Ref. E. S. 585/3.

ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL
S. E. I.
July 2nd 1947.

The High Commissioner for India,
Education Department,
India House, Aldwych,
London, W.C. 2.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of May 12th, which arrived whilst I was in America, I should now like to make a suggestion with regard to the allowance payable to student Nurses.

The only comment I have to make is that I still feel that £ 20 per annum is insufficie holiday allowance. Accommodation food and travellin are all so costly at the present time that this sum would not meet it and I therefore consider that they should have at least another £ 10.

Yours truly,
(SD). M.J. SMITH.
MATRON ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL
Superintendent Nightingale Training School

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Nursing Staff - Training of Probationer nurses in the United Kingdom - Payment of allowances - Papers recorded.

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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT. (H2)

G.O. No.1144. P.H. Dated 9.4.1948.
Read the following:-

From the Government of India, Ministry of Health No. D. 5304-T/47 dated 1.4.48.

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(By order of H.E. the Governor.)

(Sd) x x
Secretary to Government.

To the Surgeon General, (~~with~~
To the Accountant General
~~spare copy)(with enclosure.)~~

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Superintendent,
Madras Record Office, Egmore.
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No. F. 4-2/48-T
Government of India,
Ministry of Health.

New Delhi, the 14th June 1948.

From

Harbans Singh, Esquire,
Assistant Secretary to the Government of India,

To

The High Commissioner for India,
Education Department,
India House, Aldwych,
London, W.C. 2

Sir
~~Sub~~:-

Sub: Training of Probationer nurses in the United Kingdom - Payment of allowances.

With reference to your letter No. E. S. 585/3, dated the 24th April, 1948 on the subject mentioned above I am directed to say that the sanction for the payment of the "Yearly Compensatory Allowance" to the probationer nurses should have effect from the date of increase of rates in the hospitals in the United Kingdom, and that the necessary adjustments may be made in all cases. In other words the Government of India allowance would not be affected for the time being although there has been change in rates sanctioned by the Hospitals in the United Kingdom.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

(Sd) Harbans Singh.

Assistant Secretary.

/True copy/

No. F. 4-2/48-T

Copy, together with a copy of the High Commissioner for India's letter No. E. S. 585/3, dated the 24th April, 1948 forwarded for information to the Secretary Government of Madras, Education and Public Health Department, Madras. in ~~connection~~ of this Ministry's letter No. D. 5304-T/47, dated 1st April, 1948.

Continuation

By order,

(Sd) Harban Singh,

Assistant Secretary.

/True copy/

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Sub:- Training of Probationer nurses in the United Kingdom - Payment of allowances.

...

I am directed to acknowledge your letter No. D. 5304-T/47 of the 1st April, 1948 on the above subject and to say that it has been noticed with pleasure that the Government of India has agreed to approve the continuance of the allowances previously sanctioned to the Probationer nurses irrespective of what they received from the hospitals where they are undergoing training. It is presumed that the sanction is retrospective and the necessary adjustments will be made in all cases.

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Training of Probationer nurses in the United Kingdom - Payment of allowances.

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